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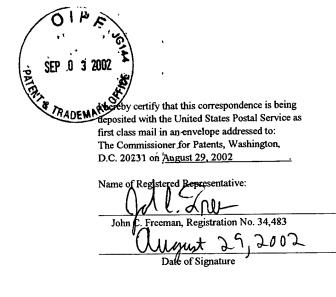
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Title of Invention CONE-BEAM COMPUTERIZED TOMOGRAPHY WITH A FLAT PANEL IMAGER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being presented to better describe Applicants' claimed invention and it is believed does not present any new matter. Please amend the claims as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 36 and 63 and add claim 94 as follows:

36. (Amended) An imaging system comprising:

an x-ray source that emits x-rays towards an object;

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